

# **FACT SHEET**

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#### **CIVIL ENGINEER RED HORSE SQUADRONS**



RED HORSE Squadrons provide the Air Force with a highly mobile civil engineer response force to support contingency and special operations worldwide. There are seven active-duty, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard RED HORSE squadrons.

RED HORSE units are self-sufficient, 404-person mobile heavy construction squadrons capable of rapid response and independent operations in remote, high-threat environments worldwide. They provide heavy

repair capability and construction support when requirements exceed normal base civil engineer capabilities and where Army engineer support is not readily available.

The primary mission of RED HORSE units is to set-up field and contingency operations to support large-scale missions. Activities include heavy damage repair, bare-base development and heavy engineering operations.

Units possess special capabilities, such as water-well drilling, explosive demolition, quarry operations, concrete mobile operations, material testing, expedient facility erection, and concrete and asphalt paving.

Squadrons can be deployed as complete entities or in echelons to support specific operational needs:

**Echelon R-1** is an air transportable element whose 16-person team can deploy within 12 hours after notification to perform initial surveys and advance planning.

**Echelon R-2** is an air transportable echelon that deploys 24 hours after notification. It consists of 148 people and has a limited horizontal and vertical construction capability. This echelon contains the command and control element.

**Echelon R-3** is a 120-person echelon. It is air transportable and can deploy 24 hours after notification. This echelon contains specialized skills necessary to develop and construct runways and roads and perform heavy earthwork.

**Echelon R-4** is a 120-person echelon. It is air transportable and deployed 24 hours after notification. The members of this echelon have skills necessary to construct and repair facilities and infrastructure and perform limited earthwork, road and airfield construction.

RED HORSE squadrons and their locations are:

#### **Active duty**

554th RED HORSE Squadron, Osan Air Base, Korea

820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

823rd RED HORSE Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

819th RED HORSE Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

## Air Reserve Command\*

307th RED HORSE Squadron, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas Detachment. 1, 307th RED HORSE Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

#### Air National Guard\*

200th RED HORSE Squadron, Port Clinton, Ohio

201st RED HORSE Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

202nd RED HORSE Squadron, Camp Blanding, Fla.

203rd RED HORSE Squadron, Camp Pendleton, Va.

219th ANG RED HORSE Flight, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. (Attached to the

819th RED HORSE Squadron)

254th ANG RED HORSE Flight, Camp Murray, Wa. (Attached to the 554th RED

HORSE Squadron as an R-4 echelon)

# **Engineer Support Unit**

31st RED HORSE Flight, Camp Darby, Italy

(This unit is responsible for maintenance, repair and shipment of RED HORSE forward-staged equipment and supplies.)

\*The Reserve and Guard squadrons are split units with separate commanders. Upon orders, they reunite as a complete squadron.

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